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There is sound wisdom in the fundamental idea which lies back of this book. It seeks to point out the lack of intelligent and sympathetic interest on the part of the public and of legislatures with reference to our great fundamental industry, agriculture. That the author himself is intelligent and sympathetic with regard to the farmer's needs, at times seems somewhat doubtful when we find him scouting the idea that there has been any scarcity of capital available for the farmer and when we find him advocating a plan by which the farm worker will be thrown into competition with the lowest grades of coolie and other immigrant labor. Throughout, the author proves too much; his attitude toward facts is far from scholarly, and his handling of figures is at best extremely reckless. What, for example, is the truth back of the assertion "it has for years been utterly impossible to secure more than half the necessary farm labor at any price" or "the chief opposition to Chinese labor comes from 'idlers' and organized labor" or "the farmers have received no profit on hog-feeding during the war" or "in no country in Europe, during the last two decades, have the farmers received so little for their produce and the consumer paid so much for their foodstuffs as in this country." Assuredly we need and would welcome a careful and authentic study of any one of the issues raised in this small volume, particularly that dealing with the agricultural labor supply and its efficient use, or with the actual results of food control, or the present status of rural mortgage credit. But a brief discursive treatment of a wide range of these problems within so small a compass and by one not particularly qualified for the task merely muddies the waters of a pool that was already turbid enough.

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- CHRISTIE, G. I. *Finding labor to harvest the food crops*. (Washington: Dept. Agriculture. 1918. Pp. 8.)
- COFFEY, W. C. *Productive sheep husbandry*. (Philadelphia: Lippincott. 1918. Pp. x, 479.)

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Professor Harris, director and agronomist of the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, has written this book primarily for farmers who are raising beets, for agriculturalists of sugar companies, and for use as a text in agricultural colleges. After a very brief historical introduction, most of the text is devoted to sugar-beet culture. In the closing part of the volume is a brief chapter on each of the following subjects: Beet raising and community welfare; Sugar-making; Sugar-cane; World's use and supply of sugar. The appendix contains a good bibliography and statistics of beet-sugar companies and factories in the United States as well as statistics of sugar production throughout the world. The work is profusely illustrated and contains many excellent diagrams, charts, and maps. It is written in simple non-technical language and seems well adapted to present the fundamentals of beet culture to those for whom it is intended.

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- Coal Conservation Committee final report. Ministry of Reconstruction.* (London: Wyman. 1919. Pp. 89. 1s.)
- Cotton facts.* Edition of 1918. (New York: Shepperson Pub. Co. 1918. \$1.)
- The farmers' elevator movement in Ohio.* (Wooster: Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station. 1918. Pp. 25.)
- The farm market.* (Philadelphia: Curtis Pub. Co. 1918. Pp. 68.)  
Summarizes information obtained by the Curtis Publishing Company as a result of a survey of the farming industry. Many striking diagrams, showing value of farm property, farm output, value of crop, size of farms, farm indebtedness, etc., are included.
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- Work and expenditures of the agricultural experiment stations, 1917. Part I of report on experiment stations and extension work in the United States, 1917.* (Washington: Supt. Docs. 1918. Pp. 335.)

## Manufacturing Industries

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- GRANDMOUGIN, E. *La réorganisation de l'industrie chimique en France.* (Paris: Dunod & Pinat. 1918. Pp. xi, 277.)
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This is a technical description of the industry, with a brief summary of the history and economics of the business. It has been written in close coöperation with those engaged in the shipbuilding industry. There are over one hundred illustrations, and appendices containing a bibliography, glossary of terms, and wage scales.
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